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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNGA, KS, KN, US  
SUBJECT: KOREAN INITIATIVES FOR UPCOMING UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 195943, (B) USUN 2636

SUMMARY: FONMIN STATES ROK INTENTION ON MEMORANDUM AND APPROACH  
IN CAPITALS ONLY INTENDED FURTHER PRESENT POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE  
AND NOT TO EVOKE DEBATE ON EITHER KOREAN QUESTION OR ROK  
MEMBERSHIP AT THIS UNGA SESSION. ROK WILLING  
REDUCE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES APPROACHED IN CAPITALS BUT  
STILL BELIEVES LOW-KEY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE AT END OF  
AUGUST. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING ON ANOTHER MATTER, CHARGE AND  
POLCOUNS TOOK UP POINTS PROVIDED REF A WITH FORNMIN MORNING OF  
AUGUST 19. CHARGE NOTED THAT ROKG SEEMS TO BE DOING WELL  
IN BUILDING SUPPORT FOR ITSELF IN THE UN. OUR CONCERN IS THAT  
NO ACTION BE TAKEN WHICH WOULD DAMAGE THIS SUPPORT. WHILE WE HAVE  
NO PROBLEMS WITH SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ROK MEMORANDUM FOR  
CIRCULATION IN NEW YORK OR TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN CAPITALS,  
WE DO HAVE CONCERN OVER TIMING AND OVER NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO  
BE APPROACHED. TO BETTER FOCUS OUR CONSIDERATION HE REQUESTED

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CLEAR STATEMENT OF ROKG OBJECTIVES DURING UPCOMING UNGA SESSION.  
FONMIN INDICATED HE DID NOT WANT DEBATE IN THE GA BUT DID WANT  
TO CONINUE REINFORCE ROK POSITION AND ENHANCE FAVORABLE  
ATMOSPHERE. ADDITIONALLY HE WISHED TO FURTHER UNDERSTANDING  
AMONG UN MEMBERS THAT ROK SHOULD BE GRANTED  
MEMBERSHIP. CHARGE QUERIED WHETHER HE LOOKED TO ACTION  
ON MEMBERSHIP QUESTION IN THIS SESSION OR ONLY INCREASE

IN FAVORABLE REACTION. FONMIN RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PUSH FOR ACTION AT THIS TIME BUT HOPED THAT SOME MEMBERS WOULD CONTINUE TO RAISE THE ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY HE INDICATED THAT HE HOPED ROKG WOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE MENTION IN GENERAL DEBATE BY AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.

2. CHARGE SAID HE NOW UNDERSTOOD MORE CLEARLY ROK OBJECTIVES AND NOTED THERE WERE A NUMBER OF APPROACHES. FIRST AVENUE WOULD BE TAKE MATTER UP IN CORE GROUP AND REQUEST FAVORABLE MENTION. IT WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO GO BEYOND THAT GROUP. HE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF HOW WIDESPREAD ROK APPROACH IN CAPITALS NEED BE. FONMIN EMPHASIZED THAT ROK APPROACH IN CAPITALS INTENDED AS VERY LOW-KEY SUGGESTION AND NOT LOBBYING OR DIRECT REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTED NUMBER OF COUNTRIES COULD BE REDUCED TO 40 OR 50. HE SAID THAT TIMING WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE SPEECHES WOULD BE DRAFTED SOON AND THAT ROK HOPED MOVE ON THIS SCORE BY END OF AUGUST.

3. CHARGE ASSURED FONMIN US WOULD OF COURSE MAKE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT FONMIN VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID HOWEVER WE MAY WELL STILL HAVE DIFFERENCES OF TIMING AND SHOULD AVOID ANY POSSIBLE RISK OF DPRK REACTION.

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4. FONMIN ASKED FOR ASSURANCE THAT ROK WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW INTENDED US STATEMENT ON KOREAN ISSUE AS IN PAST AND WAS ASSURED THAT HE WOULD.  
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